

The Vermont Emergency Management RACES Program

What is RACES?

What can be done when disaster strikes? At times of a natural disasters, the Vermont Emergency Management RACES Program can spring into action to provide Emergency Communications for Vermont. Emergency communications are a critical component in town, county or statewide disaster recovery efforts.

The Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) is a volunteer organization of amateur radio operators who are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide essential communications for State and local governments in times of emergency. Created in 1952 primarily to serve in civil defense emergencies, RACES provides essential voice and digital communications and warning links to assist State and local governments during emergencies.

As a secondary function, RACES is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide emergency communications for civil preparedness purposes. RACES members use their primary stations or State RACES sites to conduct emergency communications on specific frequencies. This secondary function occurs if the President invokes the War Emergency Powers Act.

RACES DRILLS AND TRAINING



Our annual RACES training conferences allow our members to learn about new operating standards within the organization. This includes the Vermont Yankee and the Healthcare Network system. Additional drills and training sessions are planned annually which are specifically designed to provide operating opportunities for all RACES members throughout the State.



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